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At PLC, they're training teachers. For the story of a student teacher's day, see page 3.

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# *From Thy Hand, O Lord. . .*

From Thy hand, O Lord, do we receive everything! Thou stretchest out Thy powerful hand and takest the wise in their foolishness. Thou openest it, Thy gentle hand, and satisfiest whatever lives with Thy blessing. And even if it seems that Thine arm is shortened, then do thou increase our faith and our confidence, so that we may hold Thee fast. And if it sometimes seems that Thou dost withdraw Thine hand from us, oh, then we know that it is only so because Thou dost close it, that Thou dost close it only in order to conceal the more abundant blessing within it, that Thou dost close it in order again to open it and satisfy everything which lives with Thy blessing. Amen.

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

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# Student Teacher

by Milton Nesvig - photos by W. C. McKewen

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by Tacoma area educational experts who assist
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of the most important parts of a student teacher's

(1) No, this wasn't planned. As the children file into the classroom at 8:50, one cute little miss has an apple for the teacher . . . and the lad on the right a huge Douglas fir cone.

training is the semester of the senior year spent in the classrooms of a public school.

The student works with a critic teacher but assumes almost complete responsibility in the classroom. Observations in other classes, plus interviews with varied school personnel, are also part of the program.

One afternoon a week, after the regular school day is over in the public schools, the student attends a seminar at PLC conducted by a faculty member. A variety of teaching problems, ideas, and anecdotes is presented and discussed.

Arlene Kinared, senior co-ed from Fairbanks, Alaska, is a typical student teacher at PLC. A photographer and reporter spent a day with her and the incidents in her day are shown on this and the following pages:

(2) The three R's are still taught, but in different ways. These are city kids, and they know little about the farm from which their food comes. So everything Arlene teaches with regard to readin', 'riting, and 'rithmetic is tied in with the farm and farm products. Farm products go to market by train, so the children made this train. But it serves many purposes. The sections of the train are in several colors, and the color name is put on the side. In this way the child learns to read and identify colors.

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(3) The critic teacher enters the picture. (She's been in the room all the time, but as a silent observer.) She is Mrs. Walter Kunschak, a PLC graduate, and she plays a reed organ for the children as they sing a little rhyme about churning butter. Each child shakes the jar of cream a few times and passes it on to the next. After several times around the circle, the cream turns to butter—and another lesson is learned about dairy products.

(4) Recess time and the children ma
mad dash for the "jungle." With w
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(7) The day is over for the first graders, and Arlene buttons up a coat . . .

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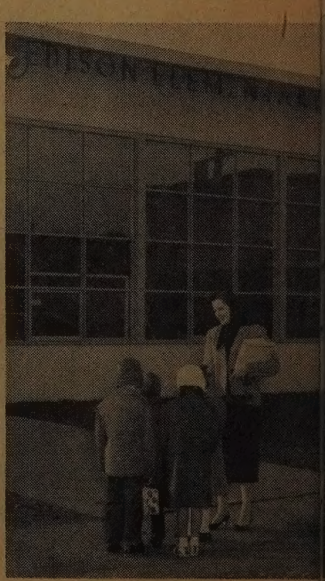
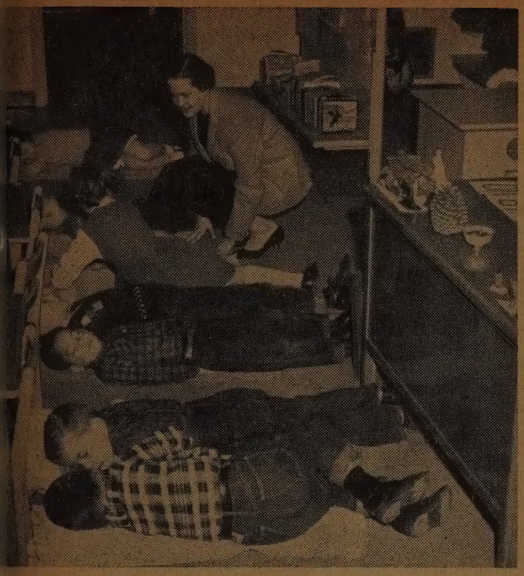
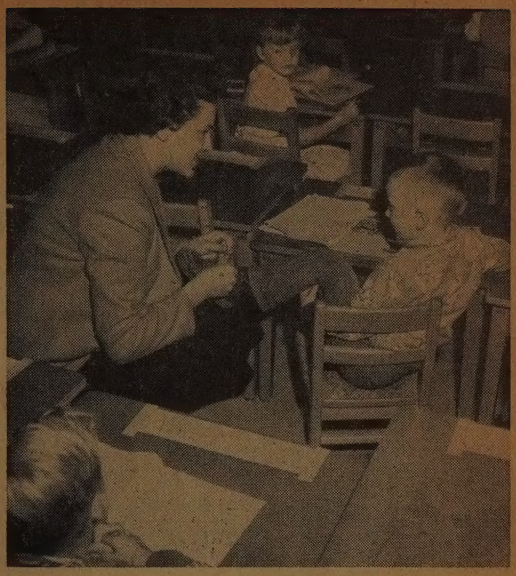




(5) Now comes rest time, and Arlene helps the children get settled.



(6) Most children can tie their shoes by this age, but some still have a little trouble—or maybe they just like to have teacher come over.

t's 5:30 p.m. now, and she has a session with Miss Marn Nielson, director of teacher training at PLC. re discussing elementary teaching methods, and Arives a report on her student teaching.

(10) After supper, she hits the books until time for a coffee date at the College Union. Arlene ends her busy day with evening devotions in her dormitory wing, and then to bed.

# Old Stuff

### *Life in a Test Tube*

A news commentator who shall remain anonymous has given me my New Year's text. The other night as I was threading my way through the snarl of rush-hour traffic and trying hard to believe that the world was getting better and better, the fluty voice of this brother read from Chapter 1 of the Gospel of Man. In effect he said: "In the beginning was the Formula and the Formula was with Man and the Formula was Man. . . . All things were made by It; and without It was not anything made that was made."

### *Glory to Clod*

The burden of the sermon was that Science is now on the verge of creating life. A few more agitations of formic acid, a few more distillations, condensations, and washings and we shall have the Garden of Eden among the Bunsen Burners. The implication was that we shall then have relieved God of one more responsibility and have reduced Him, like a superannuated patriarch, to the role of a pensioner.

### *Pious Protest*

There will be, said our preacher, objections from the pious. They will feel that man should not create life because that is God's business. They will try to obstruct progress. (You could hear the echoes of the Inquisition. You could see Giordano Bruno and Galileo writhing before the rack and the flames.) But, said our preacher, never fear. Science will win out. Darkness will vanish. The light will come. Selah.

### *Point of Order*

As one of the pious, I should like to rise to a point of order. But I should first like to assure the radio commentator and the scientists that there is no vendetta on foot against Science. I know of no theological Carrie Nation who will raise her hatchet against the test tubes. Most secularized laymen have such a smoky notion of what the theologians are doing at present that they probably need to be reassured. They may fear that we shall burn them at the stake if they get something to wiggle on a glass plate. They need have no such fe As long as we beat the Russians to the draw, there be nothing but praise.

### *So What?*

My point of order concerns something else. It is sumed by our preaching brother and perhaps by sc tists that making a batch of vital slime in the laborat is a true act of creation and will hence be an encro ment on the divine patent. But it is part of the t logical A-B-C's that God creates *ex nihilo,* that is, of nothing. I do not think it at all inconceivable science will progress to the point where it will be to create polyps, potatoes, pachyderms, and even ph cists. I am not saying that this is advisable; I am say that it is possible. So what? None of this is any m than carrying one step farther what every scie from the first firemaker and wheel-shaper has don may admire every one of these applications of human intelligence, but I do not adore them.

### *Old Stuff*

What really disturbs the theologian in the chortl of the scientist when he has made a new stride, o least in the whoops of his press agent, is the anc specter of god-rivalry. Religiously speaking, ther not an iota of difference between the scientist wh making a mechanical brain or a gob of protopl *believes* that he has displaced God and the idol m of Jerusalem in the 8th century B.C. of whom Isaiah s

> *Their land also is full of idols;*
> *they worship the work of their own hands,*
> *that which their own fingers have made.*

Even the brightest of men and the most creativ a secondhand and second-rate creator. He is susta like a drop of water on a glass by a Providence he not create. What he does is to trace with a gr finger some little contour of the divine work. His ploits should end in the fear and wonder of Pa When he gets his wiggle on the glass plate, he sh go to church and ask for the forgiveness of his He will never do anything more creative.

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# Editorials...

## Illman Sogge

. he hand which has penned many an obituary, and t a few editorial tributes too, trembles at the task of iting these lines in memory of Tillman Sogge. This not an obituary; that appears, where it belongs, on news pages. Nor is it an extravagant eulogy; there is little place for that in a Christian paper. What these lines attempt is to speak as simply as possible both for and to the Church concerning one of its greatest sons. If personal feelings intrude themselves, no apology is ered; Tillman Sogge was much more than a profesnal colleague, he was an intimate friend whose sudn death has brought as much personal sorrow to the iter as though he had been a close relative.

t was in 1950 that Tillman Sogge was elected to Union Committee of The Evangelical Lutheran urch. It was an assignment which brought him great and which came to be an outlet for all the love he for his Lord and the Church. Strangely enough, had been a member of both the other negotiating lies—as a teacher at Dana College of the United angelical Lutheran Church, and as a member of congregation of the American Lutheran Church in ashington, D. C. He was deeply committed to the se of Lutheran union. Yet he was no foolish enthusi. He knew well the requisites of a happy union and s unswerving in his desire that the new Church uld be soundly and solidly rooted.

n the fall of 1954 his colleagues of the Joint Union mmittee elected him their chairman. In 1956 he was elected, and again in 1958, just a few short weeks ago. was in this key position that Sogge's qualities of true atness became apparent. On the purely practical side, proved an ideal chairman. He was an incisive but ays fair presiding officer. He was an indefatigable rker and a good deal of a perfectionist. Gifted with photographic memory, he knew the union documents most from memory and was able to keep straight the riad details of the negotiations.

Yet all this was of far less importance than were some the intangibles. His whole attitude toward his fellow rkers was rooted in respect and love for them. At time have I heard a criticism of him as chairman, d that, I am convinced, was the involuntary response the part of the rest of us to his outgoing and warm sonality.

The last union meeting Dr. Sogge attended was a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Joint Union Committee. That was in Chicago on December 3—less than two weeks before he died. One of the items on the agenda was arrangements for the Constituting Convention, which will be held in April, 1960. His colleagues on that committee, in his presence, voted to recommend to the Joint Union Committee that Tillman Sogge be the presiding officer throughout that convention. What finer tribute could be paid to him than that?

This is written the day after Tillman's death. All day memories of these past years have been crowding in upon the mind and heart: of hours-long and days-long sessions of grueling work, when tempers tended to fray and tensions to grow—but with Tillman Sogge leading on quietly and calmly, and seemingly untiringly. Of opening devotions conducted by him, a layman of the Church, in which he poured out his heart to the God he served. Of late hour meetings around a table in some restaurant after the long day of meetings was at an end. Of the joy he had in his comradship with the rest of us. Of his jaunty arrival in our office to talk "merger," his ever-present brief case in his hand, a smile on his face. Were he to enter this office at this very moment and the news of his death prove to be but a bad dream, that would be easier for me to comprehend than is the simple fact of his death.

Let us leave it there. Others will say all this better. But let these lines stand as a tribute to one whose life is ended but whose influence will continue to be exerted, and who will never be forgotten by us who loved him.

—O.G.M

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# Program for Evangelism Conferences

Emanuel Church
North Hollywood, Calif.
January 21-25

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| | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9:00-10:15 a.m. | Meeting of Circuit and District Directors of Evangelism | *Bible Study and Prayer* | | | Speakers in Surrounding Area Pulpits |
| | | Christ Cares for You<br>T. S. Liefeld | Christ Cares for Yours<br>T. S. Liefeld | Christ Cares for All<br>T. S. Liefeld | |
| 10:30-11:15 a.m. | | *Christ Cares Through You* | | | |
| | | In Concern for Others<br>G. H. Muedeking | In Telling Others<br>L. M. Schliesser, Jr. | In Serving Others<br>Edward Sagebiel | |
| 11:15-12:00 noon | | *Christ Cares Through His Church* | | | |
| | | His Means of Care<br>F. M. Norstad | Care for His Own<br>F. M. Norstad | Care for Others<br>F. M. Norstad | |
| NOON RECESS | | | | | |
| 2:00-2:40 p.m. | *Bible Study*<br>"Our Need"<br>T. S. Liefeld | *A Church That Cares* | | Youth Lectures and Discussion | 3: 30 p.m.<br>*Closing Service*<br>"Christ Cares—Do You Care?"<br>Joseph Knutson |
| | | For the Soul of the City | | | |
| | | "Faces Exciting Change"<br>Walter Kloetzli | "The Missing or Middle Link"<br>Ross Hidy | | |
| 2:40-3:20 p.m. | | "Redeems Its Neighborhood"<br>Joel Dobbe | "For All People"<br>E. H. Schalkhauser | | |
| 3:20-4:30 p.m. | *Keynote Address*<br>"The Christ Who Cares"<br>Henry Hoesman | Discussion<br>A. R. Gornitzka | Discussion<br>Myrus Knutson | | |
| Dinner Workshops 5:30-7:30 p.m. | "Evangelism in Practice" | "Examines Its Effectiveness"<br>A. R. Gornitzka | "Rises to Its Calling"<br>A. R. Gornitzka | Youth Banquet | |
| *Taking Refuge in His Care* | | | | | |
| 8:00 p.m. | At the Cross<br>Joseph Knutson | In the Church<br>Joseph Knutson | In the World<br>Joseph Knutson | For Glory<br>Joseph Knutson | |

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County Fair Grounds Arena
Madison, Wisconsin
January 28-February 1

| | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| :00-<br>:15 a.m. | Meeting of Circuit and District Directors of Evangelism | *Bible Study and Prayer* | | | Speakers in Surrounding Area Pulpits |
| | | Christ Cares for You<br>Carl Fr. Wisloff | Christ Cares for Yours<br>Carl Fr. Wisloff | Christ Cares for All<br>Carl Fr. Wisloff | |
| :30-<br>:15 a.m. | | *Christ Cares Through You* | | | |
| | | In Concern for Others<br>Luthard Gjerde | In Telling Others<br>Donald Hansen | In Serving Others<br>Edward Sagebiel | |
| :15-<br>:00 noon | | *Christ Cares Through His Church* | | | |
| | | His Means of Care<br>F. M. Norstad | Care for His Own<br>G. S. Thompson | Care for Others<br>M. C. Hagedorn | |
| | NOON RECESS | | | | |
| :00-<br>:40 p.m. | *Bible Study*<br>"Our Need"<br>Karl J. Wilhelmsen | *A Church That Cares* | | Youth Lectures and Discussion | 3:30 p.m.<br>*Closing Service*<br>"Christ Cares—Do You Care?"<br>George Aus |
| | | (1) For the Heart of the Country<br>(2) For the Soul of the City | | | |
| | | (1) "Evangelism in Town and Country"<br>Karl T. Schmidt<br>(2) "Faces Exciting 'Change'"<br>Walter Kloetzli | (1) "For All the People in Town and Country"<br>J. E. Agrimson<br>(2) "The Missing or Middle Link"<br>Joel Dobbe | | |
| :40-<br>:20 p.m. | | (1) "Town and Country Church—Not Bigger, But Better"<br>E. S. Skaar<br>(2) "Redeems Its Neighborhood"<br>Joel Dobbe | (1) "Social Changes in Town and Country"<br>William Gast<br>(2) "For All People"<br>E. H. Schalkhauser | | |
| :20-<br>:30 p.m. | *Keynote Address*<br>"The Christ Who Cares"<br>Conrad Thompson | Discussion<br>(1) E. W. Mueller<br>(2) A. R. Gornitzka | Discussion<br>(1) E. W. Mueller<br>(2) A. R. Gornitzka | | |
| nner<br>orkshops<br>:30-<br>:30 p.m. | "Evangelism in Practice" | (1) "Responsibility of Men in Town and Country Church"<br>A. E. Doerring<br>(2) "Examines Its Effectiveness"<br>A. R. Gornitzka | (1) "Responsibility of Women in Town and Country Church"<br>Mrs. Louis Belk<br>(2) "Rises to Its Calling"<br>E. H. Schalkhauser | Youth Banquet | |
| | | *Taking Refuge in His Care* | | | |
| :00 p.m. | At the Cross<br>Gordon Huffman | In the Church<br>Oscar Anderson | In the World<br>Gordon Huffman | For Glory<br>Oscar Anderson | |

# For the Family Altar

J. R. Hestene

*Toward the Second Sunday After Epiphany* — *Beth*

**The Epistle: Romans 12:6-16 • The Gospel: John 2:1-11**

## Monday, January 12

### ON THE RUN

**Read Genesis 27:43**

*"Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee to Laban my brother in Haran."*

Jacob was a man in trouble. He had cheated his brother; he had deceived his aged father. Now he had to run. Running away would not right the wrong, but it would set aside the immediate settling of the account. The advice given to him, that he should find this escape, came from his mother who had not been guiltless in encouraging his self-seeking up through the years. But his trouble was his own, of his own making, and now he was running away. Sin always brings trouble. This is the law of the harvest.

*How true it is, O God, that life ruled by the passions of the flesh is a runaway life, going desperately on and on from one evil to another. Teach us to stop, to turn around, and listen no more to the voice of error. It is not in the feverish pace we still the voice of conscience, and it is not in running away we escape evil we have done. Forgiveness is with You alone. Amen.*

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## Tuesday, January 13

### THE MEETING

**Read Genesis 28:19**

*He called the name of the place Bethel.*

Jacob was trying to run away, but in his race he was competing with a God who could run much faster. God caught up with him out in the open. There, as Jacob rested one night, on his way to Haran, he had a dream of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it, and "the Lord stood above it." God, in His strange way, renewed with Jacob the covenant He had first made with Abraham. Thus Jacob met God in a real way. "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Jacob called it Bethel.

*If we are running, dear Lord, set up Your barricade of love so that we do not run beyond the border into the land of no return. It is Your grace, Your loving purposes, Your infinite care that alone can do something about my needs. If there is no Bethel for me now, then I pray, O Lord, that You make it so. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

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## Wednesday, January 14

### THE VOW

**Read Genesis 28:20**

*Then Jacob made a vow.*

This was the proof of Bethel. T reality of the experience is best sho by its fruits. Jacob met his God, inde Bethel was more than a good story tell his friends. It was much more t an emotional experience that soon wo cool. Jacob made a vow. He declared dependence upon God; from hencefo he would show a reliance on Him. "T Lord shall be my God." He set u monument at the place of his vow. T he said, "And of all that thou givest I will give the tenth to thee." Jac Bethel was real.

*Heavenly Father, how much we honor You by our half-heartedness! say we owe our very lives to You, we proceed to hold ownership over selves. We think we have a Bethel, how little we offer proof of it! For us for dallying, O God. Fill us with Y love and rule us by it, so that we make our lives a complete response Your will and ways. Amen.*

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## Thursday, January 15

### THE COURSE OF LIFE

**Read Genesis 34:30**

*"I shall be destroyed, both I and my household."*

Here Jacob gave expression to his inward conflict over the trying situations visited upon him. Now he was getting back some of the evil he had once practiced. His father-in-law, Laban, used deceit on him. The old score with Esau was still unsettled, and there were threatenings from that quarter. Jacob's daughter was defiled, and her brothers were out for revenge. All of it together was a picture of a rough course for Jacob. He had his Bethel, but as long as he was in this world he could expect no trouble-free life.

*We do not want a sad view of life, dear God, but we want a true view. And we are not guilty of pessimism if we admit that there is no easy course here. Help us, O Lord, to avoid making trouble, but give us the strength we need, and the balance, to meet the experience of life. With You we can find the victory. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.*

## Friday, January 16

### REFRESHMENT

**Read Genesis 35:1**

*God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there."*

It was time for God to put Jacob in remembrance of the most important happening in his life. He told him to go back to Bethel where he had his great experience of God, and where he had made his vow. Perhaps Jacob had become careless, self-confident, attempting to deal with trouble all by himself. He needed to go back to the beginning again, readjust himself to God, attune himself again to His will, and to be refreshed by coming in a real way into the presence of God. Souls soon starve if they go unrefreshed.

*Keep us checking back to the source of our life, gracious Father. We want to go too much on our own strength; we try to win the battle all alone. Give us the wisdom to keep in remembrance the place of our spiritual birth. Help us to relate ourselves constantly to that fact. Then we shall be refreshed for the journey. Drawing deep upon the fountain of Life, we go from strength to strength.*

## Saturday, January 17

### NEW VALUE

**Read Genesis 35:7**

*And there he built an altar.*

At the close of his first experienc Bethel, Jacob set a stone as a monu to his thankfulness to God. Now, w he returned to that place, he buil altar. The difference between a monu and an altar could well stand for difference that existed in the Jacob o first experience and the Jacob who turned many years later. Now he mature, a man who has been facing a man of maturity. Now he was ab put a value upon Bethel, and he fou precious. Men build altars to worship which they depend upon.

*It does me little good to know others build altars to worship Yo God; it matters little to me that I k that others look to You in faith. Wh important to me and my life is that I put a high value on Bethel so that my life I make an altar to Your h and glory. Then my life becomes w and useful in Your service. In the l of Jesus. Amen.*

## Oozing Piety . . ."

## Christianity Can't Be "Sold"

The meaning of the Christian community and its Gospel is too often distorted by modern techniques to "sell" religion, charges Dr. Roger Lincoln Shinn of Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Nashville, Tenn.

Pointing out that the world is "nervously looking for the new"—in cars, rockets, satellites, suburban developments, personality sciences, and amusements—he said the churches themselves suspect that some people are bored with the "old, old story" of the Gospel and try to "refurbish" it.

He addressed the National Council of Churches' Division of Home Missions ninth annual assembly at Atlantic City, N. J.

"The god of the juke box," Dr. Shinn declared, "is not the God of our Fathers. The god of the hidden and unhidden persuaders, who urge us to claim him as a weapon against theistic communism,' is not the high and holy one who inhabits eternity. The vague somebody 'upstairs' is not the God who so loved the world that he gave His only Son."

Turning to the race issue, Dr. Shinn warned that it must be faced with "fidelity and ingenuity" by the Christian mission. He declared that many able and faithful pastors "find it easier to call for integration of the public schools than of the churches."

"In a time of church expansion and wide approval of religion, the Church thus loses its cutting edge and is part of the oozing piety that covers the land," he noted.

Sharing the platform with Dr. Shinn was Dr. C. Wright Mills, sociology professor at Columbia University in New York. He described man as "a cheerful robot" at the bottom of America's "over-developed society today."

The top level of this society, he said, is composed of a "frightened and irresponsible elite of power." The middle consists of a "semi-organized stalemate in a political vacuum."

The sociologist warned that unless today's problems are faced with passion and energy, the United States will "continue to commit the greatest human default by privileged man in our times."

Regarding foreign policy, Dr. Mills asserted that America's leaders "are frightened" and fear that the nation may become an "isolated and second-rate power." In the worldwide clash between opposing ways of life, he declared, capitalism is losing.

"The over-developed society of the United States is dependent on a privately incorporated economy that is also a permanent war economy," he said. "In terms of budget, American Telephone and Telegraph alone now stands as the 13th state of the Union.

"Most cultural workmen in this country today — intellectuals, artists, scholars, and scientists—are fighting a cold war in which they echo and elaborate the confusions of officialdom."

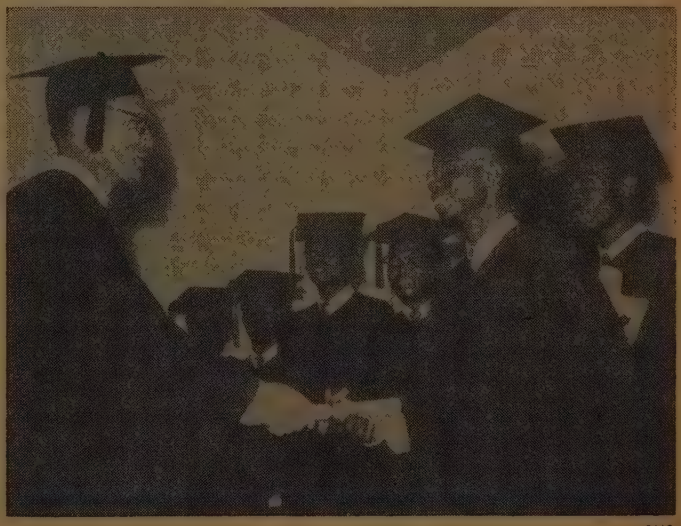
## Report on Ordass

Dr. Lajos Ordass, who was ousted by Communist authorities last June from his post of Bishop of the Southern District of the Hungarian Lutheran Church, is now engaged in translating Scandinavian literature into Hungarian, according to the news bulletin of the Lutheran World Federation.

The bulletin said the information came from Pastor Tage Morsing of the State Lutheran Church of Denmark who recently spent two weeks in Hungary.

Pastor Morsing said Dr. Ordass is working at the moment on a play called "The Idealist," written by Kaj Munk, the famous Danish pastor and dramatist who was murdered by the Gestapo in 1943 during the German occupation of Denmark.

The Danish informant said Dr. Ordass is living quietly in Budapest on his bishop's pension. He stated he is not asking for the right to preach, to speak in public, or to travel abroad.



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**FIRST SEMINARY GRADUATES—Another milestone in African Christian mission history was reached recently when eight young pastors graduated from the Igbaja Theological Seminary near Ilorin, Nigeria. Recipients shown receiving their diplomas from the school's principal are the first to be granted bachelor of theology degrees by the institution. The school is a part of the Sudan Interior Mission.**

## A "Strike" for LWA

A $300 check received last month for Lutheran World Action in the ELC treasurer's office had an unusual origin.

Donors were the men of the San Fernando Valley Lutheran Bowling League. The men, who are members of churches in the suburbs of Los Angeles, Calif., had previously spent their surplus fund on a Christmas party with their wives. This year, realizing the dire need of fellow Christians in other parts of the world, the men sent their funds to LWA.

## Youth Have Their Days at Evangelism Meets

A combined attendance of 3,000 is expected at the youth weekends of the Evangelism Conferences in Los Angeles (Jan. 24-25) and Madison (Jan. 31-Feb. 1).

The heart of Saturday's Youth Day observance will be a workshop and presentation to encourage youth in the importance and procedures of witnessing in their day-to-day contacts. Both conferences will also include a youth banquet and evening commitment service.

The Rev. Gordon Smedsrud, ELC Associate Youth Director in Evangelism, is in charge of the program for the youth weekend in Madison. Featured during the afternoon presentation will be College Pastor Dar Roa and a group of Waldorf students. An introduction will be given by the former chairman of the ALC Youth Board, the Rev. Gordon Huffman, who is now president of the Ohio District. Pastor Smedsrud will be banquet speaker, and the Rev. Oscar Anderson will give the evening address. In charge of local arrangements for the Youth Day in Madison is Pastor Charles Anderson.

Youth Director George Robertson of the UELC is in charge of youth affairs at the conference in Los Angeles. Pastor Gordon Smedsrud will also appear on the program at this conference. Saturday evening speaker will be Dr. Joseph Knutson, president of Concordia College. The Rev. Marvin Rygh is local arrangements chairman for youth at the western conference.

All youth who have completed their confirmation training are encouraged to attend these rallies.

## Honor Rolls Added

Six more congregations have joined the honor roll list of the LUTHERAN HERALD, bringing to 403 the churches that send the magazine to every home. The following are new since the last listing:

Seneca Church, Seneca, Ill.—the Rev. Herbert D. Amundson

Syre Church, Ulen, Minn.—the Rev. Thomas Boe

Gol-Aal Church, Wyndmere, N. Dakota—the Rev. G. Gabrielsen

Sychar Church, Silver Bay, Minn.—the Rev. Theo. M. Nelson

Zion Church, Hillhead, S. Dak.—the Rev. Kermit Undseth

Grace Church, Willow Lake, S. Dak.—the Rev. Edmund R. Youngquist

## Dr. Burgess . . . "Pagan Faiths Reviving"

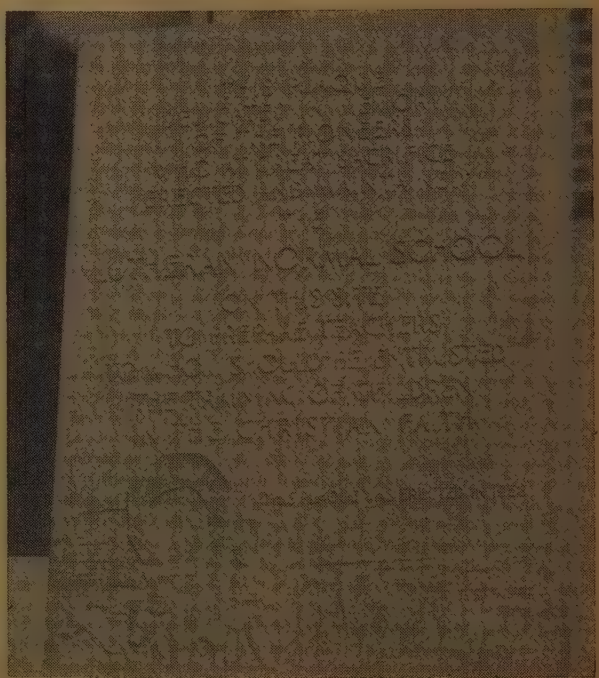
The "pagan" religions of Africa and Asia are making an "astonishing" comeback, a seminary missions professor reported on his return from a year-long, round-the-world trip.

Dr. Andrew S. Burgess of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., said that non-Christian religions have taken the tactics of the Christian Church in their fight for survival and expansion.

In Buddhist schools, he revealed, children sing "Buddha loves me, this I know," and added that other hymns in which the name of the idol replaces that of Christ are also becoming common.

In Japan, Shintoism has rallied to a point of great religious fervor following its setback after World War II when the emperor declared he was not divine.

Dr. Burgess recounted how he saw some two million Japanese worshipping at the Meiji national Shinto



NORMAL SCHOOL MEMORIAL—The bronze plaque pictured was recently presented to the Lutheran Home in Madison, Minn., by alumni of the Lutheran Normal School that formerly occupied the buildings. The inscription reads, "This plaque dedicated in memory of the pioneers who at great sacrifice erected and maintained the Lutheran Normal School on this site to prepare teachers to whom should be entrusted the training of children in the Christian faith." The presentation was made by the Rev. H. T. Braa of Minneapolis, on behalf of the graduates of the institution.

rine near Tokyo during a four-day stival last January.

He learned that the Kokugakuin into university in Tokyo now has ore than 5,000 students preparing r the Shinto priesthood and for aching in Shinto shrines.

Buddhism also has made a vigor- us rally, Dr. Burgess noted, not only Japan but especially in Formosa nd Hong Kong. "Old temples are eing repaired and repainted and new nes built," he said.

"Chinese refugees, destitute of orldly goods, hastily find a niche their cupboards and tiny shelters the mountain slopes of Kowloon, long Kong, for their household gods."

Buddhists today stress missionary ork among western peoples, Dr. Bur- ess discovered, and, he admitted, hey are gaining converts."

In India, Dr. Burgess found that linduism has been "revitalized and organized by highly-educated Hin- us." "Old beliefs have been combined ith Christian ethics," he said, "and ade to appear both noble and divine."

In parts of Africa, new movements back to witchcraft and ancestor-worship were reported to Dr. Burgess by missionaries, but he said "it appears that the bitterest opponent of Christ in Africa is not the witch doctor, powerful though he may be, but Islam."

Arab merchants traveling throughout Africa "continue to leave the stamp of their features and faith on the African," with every Moslem "a missionary for Islam."

Although native leaders are being developed in the mission churches, missionaries will be needed for many years to work in co-operation with the younger churches, he said.

### January Church-of-the-Month
## Holy Cross, Wheaton, Ill.

The first three churches selected for aid since the Church-of-the-Month program began in October have been congregations already under way.

This month, friends who contribute to this venture of home missions in the ELC have a chance to help a project that is just beginning. At Holy Cross Lutheran, Wheaton, Ill., construction has begun on the first unit located on a four and one-half acre site. A pastor, the Rev. Merlin Seal, has accepted the call and will begin work on March 1. A parsonage soon will be bought.

This new congregation is part of that vast area known as "Chicagoland." Made up of the City of Chicago and the numerous smaller cities and villages surrounding it, this is one of America's largest and fastest growing population centers.

Chicagoland is also the strongest Lutheran center in America, with nearly a quarter million members in 240 congregations. Thirty of these are ELC congregations having a total of some 20,000 members. Four out of every ten Protestant church members in this area are Lutherans.

Nationwide, every sixth Lutheran you meet is a member of the ELC. But in Chicagoland one must meet over 100 Lutherans before he meets a fellow member of an ELC congregation. In other words, our ELC is not strongly represented in this mass of Lutheranism.

Holy Cross Church will be the sixth new ELC congregation in Chicagoland since 1945. Wheaton, a typical suburban city of 20,000 population, is 24 miles directly west of Chicago's Loop.

## Seminary Choir on Tour

Christmas vacation means tour time r the twenty-six men who make up e Luther Seminary Choir. Between e holiday season and the time when asses resume at the Seminary, these en will sing fifteen concerts in Min- sota, North and South Dakota, and Visconsin.

The musical program will include mpositions covering the spectrum of cred choral music from ancient to odern.

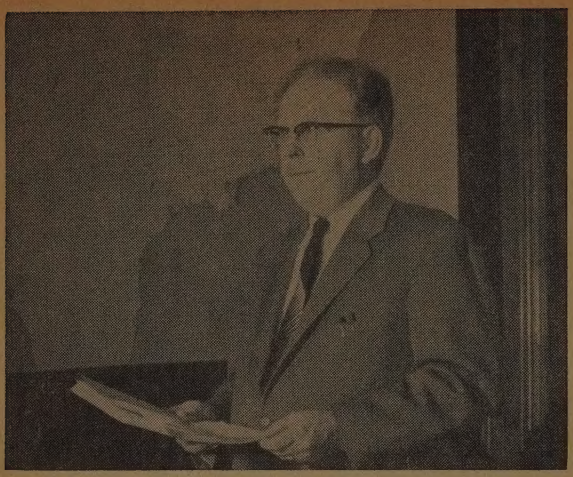
The itinerary of the tour is as follows:

January 2—Blackduck, Minn.
3—Bagley, Minn.
4—Fargo, N. D., Moorhead, Minn., and Fergus Falls, Minn.
5—Sisseton, S. D.
6—Lemmon, S. D.
7—Lead, S. D.
8—Rapid City, S. D.
9—Midland, S. D.
10—Mitchell, S. D.
11—Sioux Falls, S. D., and Granite Falls, Minn.
12—Butterfield, Minn.
13—Mankato, Minn.
14—Eau Claire, Wis.

**PASTORS' WIVES, NOTE . . .**
An error was made in the original announcement of the Pastors' Wives meeting during convocation. The dates in the Pastor's Bulletin as well as the story in the Lutheran Herald are in error. The chart in the Dec. 16 issue of the Herald is correct. The meetings are to be held on Tuesday, January 6 and Wednesday, January 7.

## Obituaries

**Eric Staats Collin,** eight year old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. H. Collin, Brooklyn, New York, died October 12, following surgery for a brain tumor. Funeral services were held at Zion Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, with Pastor James B. Hofrenning officiating and at Opdal Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart, Minnesota, with the Rev. Melvin Kaatrud and Dr. Fredric Norstad officiating.



Dr. Sogge presiding at a meeting of the Joint Union Committee

Funeral services for **Dr Tillman M. Sogge,** prominent Lutheran layman, educator, and economist, were held in Northfield, Minn. Thursday, Dec. 18. He died Monday, Dec. 15, at the age of 55, after a heart attack had hospitalized him three days earlier. The attack came Friday as he sorted through the ruins of his home in Northfield, which was totally destroyed by an early morning fire December 9 that routed the Sogge family into sub-zero weather.

Dr. Sogge was associated with St. Olaf College since 1947 when he was named chairman of the departments of Economics and Sociology. From 1949 until this fall he also directed the school's Placement Bureau.

Recently he was re-elected to a third term as chairman of the Joint Union Committee, the 27-member group which has been negotiating for the merger of The Evangelical Lutheran, American Lutheran, and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

Dr. Sogge was a native of Jackson, Minn., and was graduated from St. Olaf College in 1924. He earned his master's degree and doctorate in economics at the University of Minnesota.

During his educational career he was superintendent of schools at Ringstad, Iowa (1926-30); instructor of economics and history at Dana College in Blair, Neb. (1924-26); and economics instructor and research assistant at the University of Minnesota (1931-36).

In the years that followed he became attached to several government agencies as associate and senior economist to the Social Security Board (1936-41); principal economist for the Bureau of Census (1941-45); and chief economist for the Bureau of Budget (1945-47). He also spent much time in Japan during the post World War II years (1946-49) as a member of the War Department labor advisory committee and later as economic consultant to the Secretary to the Army.

Through numerous pamphlets and articles in his field, Dr. Sogge became known to economists across the nation. From 1950 until his death he also served as consulting economist to the Bureau of Census.

In his service in other areas, Dr. Sogge was a former member and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Minnesota; a member of the Board of Directors for the Child Welfare League of America (1952-58); and a former member of the National Lutheran Council Committee on Social Trends.

Survivors include his wife Adel and two daughters, Joanne (Mrs. James Peterson) of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Sonja, at home.

Pallbearers included some of his close faculty associates at St. Olaf College. Honorary pallbearers were the ELC members of the Joint Union Committee plus three other men who are closely connected with the Joint Union Committee: Dr. Randolph E. Haugan, Dr. Charles L. Nasby, and Dr. T. G. Overson.

**Mrs. Paul G. Schmidt,** widow of the late Professor Schmidt associated with St. Olaf College and its choir, died at Northfield, Minn. December 9 at the age of 83 years. Born in Indiana she was married to Professor Schmidt in 1899 and came to Northfield in 1902 when he first became a part of the college staff. Mrs. Schmidt sang in the choir in its early days and until 1920. For several years she also served as manager of the St. Olaf College book store. Funeral services were held at St. John's Church, Northfield on December 12. She is survived by two daughters and two sons.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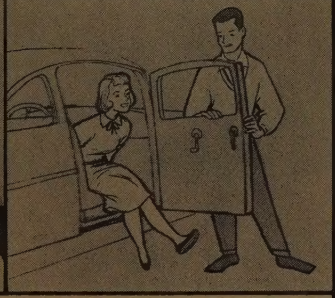

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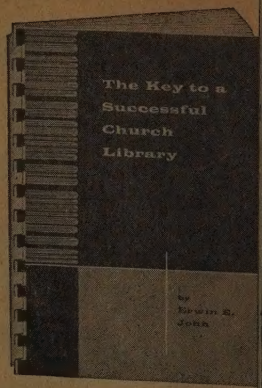


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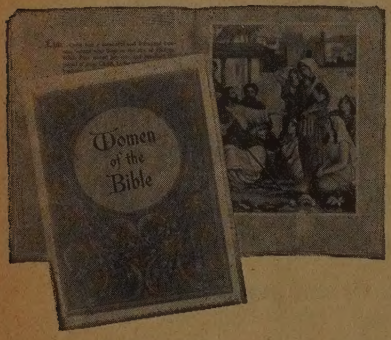


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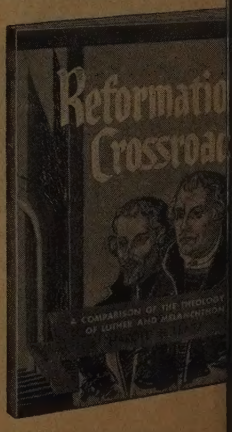


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